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Johannes van Tilburg, 2007 Dutch American Heritage Day
Honoree, Southern California Chapter

The NAF Chapters are demonstrating tremendous vitality. Embracing the NAF mission to further the bonds between the United States and the Netherlands through exchanges in the arts, sciences, business, education and public affairs, the new chapters—most of which emerged from pre-existing Dutch business or cultural events-related entities—have become valued partners in a national enterprise.

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from the chairman



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The second half of 2007 was a very busy period for the Foundation. Thirty-one NAF sponsored students started their study programs—twelve in the United States, nineteen in the Netherlands—and twenty-two cultural and historical grants were awarded. One of these grants is an “early foundation grant” to the Museum of the City of New York to help it mount an exhibition, “Amsterdam/ New Amsterdam: The Worlds of Henry Hudson” in the summer of 2009. It will be 400 years since Henry Hudson, in the service of the Dutch East India Company, sailed up the river that would bear his name and thus laid the foundation for the settlement of New Netherland in 1624. Over the next year, you can expect to hear a lot more about plans for this anniversary and associated events and celebrations, especially in New York State.

During the fall and early winter, our chapters initiated a variety of activities. The NAF’s Southern California Chapter organized its very successful Dutch American Heritage Day gala, the Northern California Chapter ran a well attended program series on innovation, the Chicago Chapter hosted a program on “the Business of Jazz” and the 26th Peter Stuyvesant Ball in New York was another signal event with excellent financial results. Note that the Washington D.C. Chapter will hold its NAF Awards Dinner on Friday, April 25.

In December, the Netherlands Club of Boston and the Netherlands American Business Group of New England joined forces and officially became the Boston Chapter of the NAF. As envisioned in our Strategic Plan of three years ago, the Foundation’s reach and impact are increasingly becoming national in scope. We are upgrading our information technology infrastructure (web sites, databases, communications programs, event registration, payment processing, bookkeeping) to support our growing number of chapters, volunteers and activities, in a highly responsive and cost effective manner. We are delighted that Angela Molenaar has joined us as our new Executive Director, helping us build the high service, high efficiency organization that we need.

Due to the support we receive from you, our members, volunteers, sponsors and staff, the NAF is steadily moving forward. Thank you!

Ennius E. Bergsma

Chairman

Report from the Chapters

In 2006, the NAF reported the formation of its first chapter—the NAF Chicago headed by Andrew Enschedé. Two years later, this newsletter focuses on the continuing development of the NAF network, now including chapters in Chicago, Southern California (Los Angeles), Northern California (San Francisco), Washington DC—and, most recently, Boston.

Under the NAF Chapter model the New York office provides centralized services for websites, membership, databases, budgeting and finances, legal and regulatory filings issues and chapter governance. This “back office support” frees the chapter leaders to focus on developing events and programs, unique to their regions and representative of their interests.

Following are reports from the chapters, with highlights of their past year.

Boston

www.thenafboston.org

*Hans Gieskes, Chairman
Erik Rijnbout, Treasurer
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Cultural Exchange
Eric-Jan Schmidt, President, Business Exchange*

2007 marked the first year of the NAF Boston Chapter, resulting from the merger of two Boston area clubs—the business club and the social/cultural club—under the single banner of the NAF. In addition, there has been increasing attendance at chapter events by NLBorrels members in the Boston area. NLBorrels, likely the largest Dutch social club in Boston, and the Dutch community at Harvard have representatives on the NAF Boston Board to ensure coordination of local events and activities. 2007 also marked the creation of the new website, www.thenafboston.org, featuring an up-to date-calendar of events for members and others interested in Dutch culture and business.

Continuing in the tradition of the merged entities, the NAF Boston organized many events as part of its Business & Cultural Exchange. In the business exchange, Aart van Os provided an overview of the extraordinary path of Organon during 2007. Bert Twaalfhoven of “Indivers” fame spoke of his efforts to get Europe to become more supportive of start-up innovation. Annemarie Jorritsma, Mayor of Almere, related how fast-growing Dutch towns have marketed themselves on the global market for corporate expansion. Jocelyn Vigreux, president of TomTom USA, shared the extraordinary tale of his company, including its early success in the U.S. These business networking events are a great platform for local NAF members and others to meet. NAF members from all over the U.S. are welcome.

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The chapter also has an active social and cultural exchange. In addition to supporting the Koninginnedag-reception, Sinterklaas, pot-luck dinners and museum visits, the “Head of the River” international rowing event on the Charles River has become an increasingly popular activity. What started long ago as the annual Christmas dinner for the Dutch Business Club, has now become the annual NAF Holiday Dinner. It was held in early January, 2008 with more than 75 people attending. As always, the raffle provided much fun and raised funds for the NAF’s scholarships and for a local charity called “Rosie’s Place”.

Chicago

www.thenafchicago.org

Andrew Enschedé, Chairman
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The NAF Chicago Chapter opened its 2008 calendar on January 15th with “The Business of Jazz”, a panel discussion exploring the surprising similarities between the challenges/opportunities confronting the jazz musician and those facing the business community. The evening was presented by the Jazz Institute of Chicago,

the PianoForte Foundation, the Consulate General of the Netherlands and the NAF Chicago. Representatives from Chicago and the Netherlands were on hand to participate. Andrew Enschedé gave the introductory speech. The panel was moderated by Neil Tesser, host of the nationally syndicated radio show—Listen Hear. Panel members included Nicole Mitchell, flutist, composer and bandleader; Michiel Borstlap, pianist and composer (Netherlands); Lauren Deutsch, Executive Director, Jazz Institute of Chicago; Mike Reed, drummer and presenter; and Steve Wagner, producer at Delmark. The panel discussion was followed by a performance of one of Europe’s most successful jazz musicians, pianist Michiel Borstlap with his trio, after which the evening concluded with a reception. The entire event, with over 160 persons in attendance, was filmed and will be shown on public television in Chicago. The event received generous sponsorship from the Netherlands Consulate.

In 2008, the chapter plans to work together with the International Trade Club to host a speech and discuss logistics in the Netherlands. The lecture will re-open the traditional Dutch Chicago Business Exchange lunch series. For more information, visit: www.thenafchicago.org.



The Michiel Borstlap Trio performing at the Fine Arts Building in Chicago

REPORT FROM THE CHAPTERS *cont'd*

Southern California

www.thenafsocal.org

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Anne Woollett, Recording Secretary



President of the NAF Southern California Chapter presenting the 2007 Heritage Day Award to Mr. Johannes Van Tilburg

The NAF Southern California Chapter's 2007 Dutch American Heritage Day gala was a great success, allowing the chapter to support several Los Angeles area institutions. The dinner and ball was held at the splendid California Club in Los Angeles. The gala, chaired by Dick van Hoepen, was attended by 224 people.

The event honored Johannes Van Tilburg, presenting him with the 2007 Dutch American Heritage Award and inducting him into the Dutch American Hall of Fame. Mr. Van Tilburg is Founder and President of Van Tilburg, Banvard and Soderbergh-Architects, AIA. For information on the 20 previous Hall of Fame honorees, see: www.thenafsocal.org/pages/gallery/. A check for the Dutch Study Program at UCLA was presented to Professor Margaret Jacob during the Van Tilburg lecture on February 21st, 2008. This popular annual lecture was attended by over 100 people. Mr. Paul Schnabel, Director, Social Cultural Planning Office, Netherlands Institute

of Social Research talked about "Immigration and the Question of Dutch Identity".

The chapter also initiated a scholarship fund to support the exchange of winners of the prestigious Prinses Christina Concours in the Netherlands and possibly winners of the Spotlight Awards competition,



Honoree Johannes Van Tilburg and his wife Dr. Jo Anne Van Tilburg



From left, The Hon. Madelien de Planque, Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, President Dick van Hoepen, his wife Yvonne and the Consul General's husband Jim

conducted by the Music Center of Los Angeles. The chapter will develop more concrete plans for the scholarship program in the coming year.

The first major activity in 2008 will be the concert tour by four young virtuoso musicians from the Netherlands, all laureates of the Prinses Christina Concours. Two pianists, a violinist and a clarinetist will perform in four cities—Washington, DC, at

The success of the chapters is due to the hard work and dedication of chapter leaders and volunteers.

the Embassy of the Netherlands (April 23rd), Los Angeles (April 28th), San Francisco (May 1st) and Vancouver (May 3rd). This is the fourth consecutive year of the concert tour—made possible through support from Northwest/ KLM airlines, the Embassy and consulates in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Vancouver. The chapter also relies on donations from concert attendees.

The chapter's next Dutch American Heritage Day fundraising gala will be on November 16, 2008. All information on future events can be found at: www.thenafsocial.org.

Northern California

www.thenafnorcal.org

Inez Hollander, Chair

Pauline Schrooyen, Chair, Cultural Exchange

Che Mott, Chair, Business Exchange

The Northern California Chapter was established in 2006 and officially launched with the national Geert Mak Lecture Tour in 2007. After a short hiatus, the group worked to strengthen its Business Exchange with two high-level panels on the theme of innovation. The first, dedicated to the Dutch-American Alfred Peet, was hosted by Hewlett-Packard in Silicon Valley and featured Jerry Baldwin, co-founder of Starbucks, and UC Berkeley Professor of Economic History, Jan De Vries. The second panel was hosted by Ex'pression College for the Digital Arts in Emeryville. The evening was a grand success with over a hundred guests and with senior-level business speakers from Hewlett-Packard, McKinsey & Company, NASA, RiOS Institute (affiliated with the UN), Sun Microsystems, The Band of Angels, Scale Venture Partners and The Institute for the Future.

In 2008 the Business Exchange will organize happy hours (every third Thursday of the



From left, Peter Laanen, CEO Emeritus of Ex'pression and International Trade Director for the Netherland Business Support Office with David Hicks, Esq., David Hicks A.P.L.C. at the "Innovation of the Future Event"



On site at the "Innovation of the Future" event, from left, Anne-Mieke Roza, Volunteer; Pauline Schrooyen, President, Cultural Exchange, NAF NorCal; Neal Blaak, VP, Business Development, Adjustables; Inez Hollander, Chair, NAF NorCal

month), digital media webcasts and focus groups on sustainable business, digital media and technology, and global real estate. These programs will be complemented by social and cultural events such as a lecture by Rembrandt scholar Amy Golahny (April 11th, UC Berkeley), the performance of the Prinses Christina Concours Laureates (May 1st, Grace Cathedral), a UC Berkeley/Dutch Studies Campus Tour for the women's Dutch Olympic Softball Team on February 26th, a Summer Picnic at the Wilhelmina Windmill in Golden Gate Park and a Dutch Heritage Day Story Hour at California's public libraries on November 16th.

REPORT FROM THE CHAPTERS *cont'd*

In 2008, the chapter, chaired by Pauline Schroyen, Inez Hollander, and Che Mott, and supported by the Netherlands Network (NFIA, NBSO and NOST) and the Dutch consulate, hopes to reach out to other existing Dutch organizations in the area for better collaboration, synergy and affiliation, casting a wider net to gain more members and sponsors.

The Northern California Chapter acknowledges its many volunteers—Steering Committee members Theo Burger and the Silicon Valley Borrel, Remco Buurman, Jan-Maarten van Dongen, Honorary Consul Doug Engmann, Ella van Gool, CJ Koomen, Peter Laanen, Cornelia de Schepper, and Els Winters, as well as 2008 Chapter Leaders Neal Blaak, Christel van der Boom, Anne Donker, Ari Gerrits, Carl Hekker, Paul Hoekstra, Charis Kaskiris, Geert van der Zalm and Nico van Exel for their efforts to build a lasting community. A special thanks is also extended to Ava Feldman, Natasha Yankoffski, Deputy Consul General Hans L.J. van den Dool, and Chris Coan and the Ex'pression team for their involvement. More information can be found at: www.thenafnorcal.org.

Washington, DC

William Tucker, Esq., Naboth van den Broek, Ambassador C. Howard Wilkins, Jr.

Recently the NAF Washington DC Chapter hosted a luncheon with Mr. Floris van Hövell, Counselor for Public Diplomacy, Press and Culture at the Embassy of the Netherlands in Washington, DC. Mr. van Hövell is working on the “branding” of the Netherlands in the United States. The project involves making Americans more aware of the relationship between the Netherlands and the US, focusing on issues ranging from the importance of the Netherlands as a foreign investor in the United States, to

the long-standing political relationship between the two countries (going back all the way to the First Salute, by which the Netherlands became the first country to recognize the nascent United States), to the Dutch experience with sustainable energy, climate change and, of course, water. Later this year, the Washington, DC Chapter will again work closely with the Netherlands Embassy, as well as the California chapters. On April 23, the chapter will host four of the Prinses Christina Concours finalists for a concert and reception at the residence of Ambassador Kröner before they travel to California for a concert tour of several West Coast cities.

A few days later, the chapter sponsors the annual gala black-tie NAF Awards Dinner celebrating Dutch-American Heritage. The 2008 dinner will take place on Friday, April 25 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Washington, DC. For a more detailed description, see next page.

Based in Washington, DC, the Chapter is fortunate to be able to work closely with the Embassy of the Netherlands to achieve common goals of promoting better cultural, business and political relations between the U.S. and the Netherlands. This close cooperation has enabled the chapter to organize luncheons with Dutch politicians and government officials, the Dutch Congressional Caucus [Co-Chaired by Reps. Peter Hoekstra (R-MI) and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)] and the Ambassador of the Netherlands. The chapter will continue to offer such events to the Dutch-American community in the Washington, DC region.

2008 NAF Awards Dinner

Awards Dinner Committee

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Ambassador of the Netherlands to the United States,
Honorary Chair

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The NAF will sponsor the 2008 black-tie Gala Awards Dinner on **Friday, April 25 at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington, DC.**

Each year three awardees are selected who have contributed in some way to the furtherance of political, business or cultural relations between the Netherlands and the United States. The awards are named after three distinguished former US Ambassadors to the Netherlands: J. William Middendorf II, C. Howard Wilkins, Jr. and Terry K. Dornbush. This year the distinguished awardees are as follows:

Middendorf Award—Stephen A. Van Andel, Chairman and **Doug DeVos**, President, Alticor, Inc., one of the largest direct sales businesses in the world.

Wilkins Award—Brenda C. Barnes, President, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Sara Lee Corporation (parent company of “Douwe Egberts”), ranked 19th on the September 17, 2007 Forbes List, “The Worlds 100 Most Powerful Women”.

Dornbush Award—Mr. Bert W.M. Twaalfhoven, Founder and President, European Foundation for Entrepreneurial



2007 Awards Dinner—
From left, Bill Tucker, Awards Dinner Committee Chair; Ambassador K. Terry Dornbush; Ambassador J. William Middendorf II; Ambassador C. Howard Wilkins, Jr.; P. Jan Kalff, Honoree; Jan A. Zachariasse, Honoree (photo credit: Peter Zalud)



2007 Awards Dinner—
From left, P. Jan Kalff, Honoree; Bill Tucker, Awards Dinner Committee Chair; Ennius Bergsma, NAF Chair; Guy F. Jonckheer, NAF Board and his wife, Inge (photo credit: Tony Powell)

Research (EFER). EFER is focused on bringing entrepreneurship training to Europe through teacher and student exchanges with the US. Bert was and is a major supporter of both Harvard Business School's Entrepreneurship Program and of Fordham University Business School. His Excellency Hamid Al-Bayati, the Iraqi Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Deputy President of the UN General Assembly, will be the evening's keynote speaker. The title of Ambassador Al-Bayati's keynote address is “Rebuilding Iraq: Perspectives on the Dutch Role and Contributions”.

His Excellency Christiaan Kröner, Netherlands Ambassador to the US, will serve as Honorary Chairman of the 2008 NAF Awards Dinner and William Tucker, a member of the NAF Board of Directors, is the dinner Chairman.

the NAF connection

The NAF Connection Amsterdam

NAF Connection-Amsterdam Committee Members

Margje Lafourcade-Haverkamp, Chair

Rishi Nandoe Tewarie

Roos Stallinga

On the 30th of November 2007, some 30 members—alumni and current fellows—of the NAF congregated in the restaurant 'Het Muziekgebouw aan het IJ' in Amsterdam (with a stunning view of the river IJ) for the first dinner of the NAF Connection-Amsterdam. The NAF Connection-Amsterdam is the Dutch counterpart to the US-based alumni group, the NAF Connection-New York.



Alumni and current fellows of the NAF congregated in the restaurant 'Het Muziekgebouw aan het IJ' in Amsterdam

This network for NAF Alumni residing in the Netherlands was started by former fellows, Margje Lafourcade-Haverkamp (2003-05), Roos Stallinga (2002-05), Rishi Nandoe Tewarie (2000-01) and Eva Koffeman (2004-05). About 70 alumni have been traced of which over half live currently in the Netherlands. All have voiced enthusiasm for renewed contact through the NAF Connection-Amsterdam! The NAF provided fellows the unique opportunity to broaden social and professional horizons in the U.S.—experiences still strongly affecting many of them today.

The dinner was a great success. In addition to alumni, many current American fellows attended, as well as Mr. M. Barkin, the U.S. Consul in Amsterdam, Marcel Oomen Executive Director, Fulbright Centre Amsterdam and Mr. van den Houten, former Vice Chairman of the NAF, and his wife. Participants interacted in a warm and informal atmosphere until late in the evening.

This event was worthwhile beyond its social aspect. The American Consulate, American Chamber of Commerce and 'Young-Fulbright Association' expressed appreciation for the initiative and will be involving the group in their activities. The NAF Connection's long-term objectives include implementing a mentor program and creating 'think-tank' sessions focused on pressing bi-lateral issues. These projects will help achieve the mandate, established by the NAF, to further strengthen the bonds, born of shared values and common cultural heritage, between the U.S. and the Netherlands.

“Dutch NAF Fellows agreed that the rigor of graduate studies in the US is well beyond what they experienced in the Netherlands.” —Renée Joosten

The NAF Connection

New York

NAF Connection-New York Committee Members

Renée Joosten, Co-chair

Judith Krens, Co-chair

Sjaña Holloway

Eulani Labay Sargenti

On the 28th of March 2008, approximately 60 guests convened at the Center for Architecture in New York City for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and lively conversation. Attending the event were NAF-Fulbright Fellows, alumni, Board Members, NAF members and friends. They met to rekindle friendships, share experiences and celebrate the connection between the U.S. and the Netherlands.



NAF Fulbright Fellow Gert-Jan Segers
(photo credit: S.J. Thomas)

Current Dutch NAF-Fulbright Fellows came together for a weekend in New York—from as close as New York to as far away as Boston, Chicago, and San Francisco—to share experiences and get to know each other. Fellows were invited to submit photos of their experiences abroad from which Renée Joosten and Judith Krens assembled a slide presentation that ran throughout the evening.

Ennius Bergsma, NAF Chairman, opened the formal portion of the evening followed by Renée Joosten, who introduced the program. Two current and one former fellow addressed how the NAF Fulbright award affected their lives and, in the alumni's eyes, career opportunities: NAF Fulbright Fellow Gert-Jan Segers, International Relations, Johns Hopkins University, described his study of Arab-West relations and his deepening appreciation for (Western) freedom of expression and the opportunity to exercise a critical and questioning mind. NAF Fulbright Fellow Annemarie Wennekers, Social Psychology, University of Chicago, discussed discrimination resulting from nationality-based stereotyping. Alumnus Philip Ugelow, International Relations, University of Amsterdam, shared his experiences at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague.

The evening concluded with more refreshments, great conversation and new connections. Alumni and fellows adjourned to a local nightclub to continue the festivities. The following day, they joined other guests and friends at the home of Jan Joosten, NAF Board Secretary, for a final brunch and “till we meet again”.

Schiphol Chairs

the 26th Peter Stuyvesant Ball

The 26th Peter Stuyvesant Ball, a primary source of funds for the NAF's U.S. Fulbright Fellows Program, was held on Friday, November 16, 2007 at the Grand Hyatt New York. The Sponsor of the Ball was The Schiphol Group, Amsterdam, whose President and CEO, Gerlach J. Cerfontaine, served as Ball Chair. Co-chair was Alain Maca, President of JFK International Air Terminal 4. The Ball's Organizing Committee was chaired by Fred G. Peelen, a member of the NAF Board and its Executive Committee.



Steven Gallen Edersheim, accepting the Peter Stuyvesant Award on behalf of his father, Maurits Edersheim
(photo credit: Melanie Einzig)

Of the NAF's patrons, Professor Pieter van Vollenhoven was in attendance, accompanied by his son, His Highness Prince Maurits, and daughter-in-law, Her Highness Princess Marilène. The theme of the Ball was *The Daffodil Ball* in recognition of daffodils donated for the Ball's decorations by B&K Bulbs, as well as of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's declaration naming the daffodil the official flower of the City of New York.

Following cocktails, during which the exuberant Dutch artist, Menno Baars, created a vibrant painting of a daffodil that was auctioned off later in the evening, the 433 guests entered the Ballroom, magnificently decorated by René Hofstede of Mille Fiori. The evening's Master of Ceremonies, Philip Walkate, a professional Dutch stand-up comedian, announced the drum roll, signaling the Presentation of Colors by four U.S. Marines, with Nick van Vliet singing the U.S. and Dutch anthems. Ennius Bergsma, Chairman of the NAF, made the welcome remarks and toasted the President of the United States and Her Majesty, the Queen of the Netherlands. He then presented the coveted *Peter Stuyvesant Award* to Maurits E. Edersheim, accepted on his behalf by his son, Steven. Mr. Edersheim has been involved with the NAF in various leadership capacities for more than 45 years and remained active in its affairs until 2005.

The Ball Chair, Gerlach Cerfontaine observed in his remarks that Schiphol's sponsorship of the Ball coincided with the 10th Anniversary of the Schiphol—JFK International Air Terminal 4 agreement. He said that while efficient and fast travel is a key element for today's travelers, they are also searching for quality of life at airports. In response, Schiphol is taking the AirportCity concept to the next level, believing that a strong regional identity is



From left, Ennius Bergsma, NAF Chair; Her Highness Princess Marilène; Professor Pieter van Vollenhoven; His Highness Prince Maurits; Fred G. Peelen, Chair, Peter Stuyvesant Ball Organizing Committee (photo credit: Melanie Einzig)



From left, Gerlach Cerfontaine, President and CEO, The Schiphol Group, Amsterdam (Ball Chair); Alain Maca, President, JFK International Air Terminal 4 (Ball Co-chair) (photo credit: Melanie Einzig)



From left, Professor Pieter van Vollenhoven; Toon Woltman, Member, Board of Directors, The Schiphol Group, Amsterdam; Fred G. Peelen (photo credit: Melanie Einzig)

essential in a globalizing world. He also said Schiphol wishes to be the best when it comes to the environment and climate, striving to achieve climate-neutral airport operations, a challenge embraced with their friends from JFK's Terminal 4. Following Mr. Cerfontaine's remarks, a check of \$25,000 was presented by Carolien Gehrels, Deputy Mayor of Cultural Affairs, on behalf of the City of Amsterdam to Jackie Snyder, Executive Director of the New York City Art Commission, for the City of New York for the restoration of the Peter Stuyvesant painting in City Hall.

With the formal ceremonies over, the highly energetic New York City Swing struck up the band and Professor Pieter van Vollenhoven opened the dancing with his daughter-in-law, Princess Marilène. The evening also featured an exciting raffle, funded with airline trips and hotel accommodations, and ended with the very popular post-Ball Folly Nightclub, where entertainment was provided by the Lieven Venken Project. The Ball was featured in De Telegraaf on Monday, November 19.



cultural grants

Close Up: Celebrating Dutch American Relations in 2009

While continuing to support on-going cultural exchange, the NAF has been funding several multi-year projects in anticipation of the upcoming 400th Anniversary of Henry Hudson's exploration (in 1609) of the river that would bear his name. Hudson's historic voyage, in the service of the Dutch East India Company, laid the foundation for the settlement of the Dutch colony of New Netherland and its primary city—New Amsterdam.

—Theodore Prudon
Chair, Cultural Committee

Museum of the City of New York, NY

To support *Amsterdam/New Amsterdam: The Worlds of Henry Hudson*, an exhibition curated by The Museum of the City of New York that will mark the 400th anniversary of the discovery of New York by Henry Hudson and the Dutch East India Company. The exhibition will explore the world from which Henry Hudson came and the world he helped make, focusing on the connections that link two global cities—Amsterdam and New York. The exhibit will open to the public on April 3rd, 2009 and run through September.

Roosevelt Study Center, Middelburg, Netherlands

In support of the publication of the "*Handbook on Dutch-American Relations*", featuring over 90 authors from the U.S. and the Netherlands, to be published in September 2009 on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's voyage, under the direction of Kees van Minnen, Hans Krabbendam and Giles Scott Smith.

St. Mark's Historic Landmark Fund, New York, NY

To build the reach and impact of *Five Dutch Days Five Boroughs: Dutch Arts and Culture Past and Present* by expanding artistic programs and associated marketing and promotion.

Stichting Foundation, Rembrandt Research Project, Amsterdam, Netherlands

For preparation of Volume V of the definitive catalogue raisonné of Rembrandt's work using all aspects of available scholarship, connoisseurship, and examination technologies. Volume V is entitled "*The Rembrandt Research Project: Past, Present and Future*" and is anticipated to be completed at the end of 2009.



November 2007 performance in Amsterdam of *Double Exposure*

The following grants were awarded by the NAF Cultural Committee. For further information, visit www.thenaf.org.

Conferences

Columbia University, New York, NY

To support a two-day conference (April 18-19, 2008) entitled "*Immigrants in Europe: Politics, Media and Literature*", organized by Wijnie de Groot in the Department of Germanic Languages, focusing on immigration and integration issues in Western Europe, with a special focus on the Netherlands.

Dance

Dance Place, Washington D.C.

To support a one-week residency and presentation of Dutch artists Leine & Roebana in Washington, D.C. (April 13-21, 2008) through a series of master classes and public performances.

The Next Stage Project, New York, NY

To support the international dance exchange project *Double Exposure*, a collaboration of dancers from New York and Amsterdam resulting in a concert presented at the Theatre de Engelenbak of Amsterdam (November 2007) and in New York (February 2008).

Film

Tom Linzen, Amsterdam, Netherlands

To support a documentary film about a deaf firefighter who is a member of a volunteer fire department in Montgomeryville, Pennsylvania.

Music

Maastrichtse Verkennerband, Netherlands

To cover expenses associated with a U.S. tour (April 12-20, 2008) at the International Azalea Festival in Norfolk, Virginia.



Guus Janssen, composer, at the New York City premiere of *Verstelwerk*, performing with the Riverside Symphony (photo credit: Julien Jourdes)

Riverside Symphony, New York, NY

To support the New York premiere of *Verstelwerk* by Guus Janssen (February 5, 2008) at Carnegie Hall with performers Dan Tepfer, piano, Chris Cheek, saxophone, and Jeff Ballard, drums.

CULTURAL GRANTS *cont'd***Lenneke Ruiten,
Amsterdam, Netherlands**

To support this Dutch soprano to perform in a series of concerts in New York (March 8-9, 2008) with the Jupiter String Quartet. She will perform *Wandlebury Ring*, a composition by Kevin Beavers, commissioned in 1998 by Brooklyn Friends of Chamber Music.

Publications**Bruce Museum,
Greenwich, CT**

To support the exhibition catalogue for the rarely seen Old Masters' works, *Reclaimed: Paintings from the Collection of Jacques Goudstikker*, on view at the Bruce Museum (May 10-September 7, 2008), the Yad Vashem in Israel, and The Jewish Museum in New York (March 12-August 2, 2009).

**The Museum of
Contemporary Art (MOCA),
Los Angeles, CA**

To support the illustrated catalogue for MOCA's upcoming exhibition of paintings and drawings of Marlene Dumas (June 22-September 22, 2008). The exhibition will then travel to the Museum of Modern Art in New York (December 3, 2008).

**Damion Searls,
San Francisco, CA**

To support the translation of the classic works of Dutch writer Nescio (J.H.F. Grönloh, 1882-1961) into English for the first time; Nescio's works have already been translated



From left, Arnie de la Porte, Honorary Consul, Ohio; Aaron Betsky, Director, Cincinnati Art Museum and His Excellency Christiaan Kröner, Ambassador to the Netherlands in front of Rembrandt's *Self-Portrait with Gorget and Beret*, ca. 1629 (from the Indianapolis Museum of Art) at the opening of *Rembrandt: Three Faces of the Master*

into German, French, and other languages.

**The Renaissance Society at
the University of Chicago, IL**

To cover printing costs for a catalogue featuring the works of Dutch artist Avery Preesman, including essays by Gregory Salzman, guest curator for the exhibition and Lawrence Rinder, Dean of the California College of Art and Crafts in San Francisco and former curator at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York.

Theater**Spoletto Festival USA,
Charleston, SC**

In support of the U.S. premiere of *The Great War* by Dutch contemporary theater company Hotel Modern during the 2008 Spoleto Festival

USA, in six performances at the Emmet Robinson Theater (May-June 2008).

Visual Arts**Cincinnati Art Museum, OH**

In support of the exhibition (opening March 6, 2008) of *Rembrandt: Three Faces of the Master* including his *Self-Portrait at the Easel* (1660) from the Louvre Museum, *Self-Portrait with Gorget and Beret* (c.1629) from the Indianapolis Museum of Art, and *Self-Portrait with Beret and Two Gold Chains* (1642-1643) from the Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza in Madrid.

education grants

Student Loan Program



“It is an honor to share how my NAF Study Loan helped me complete research for my MA in Applied Ethics at The Ethics Institute of Utrecht University. Without NAF funding, these opportunities would have been unthinkable.”

—Benjamin Radelet

The Netherlands is the ideal place for an American to study philosophy. Arriving at Utrecht University in 2005, I discovered a country immersed in lively debate. Nearly all of Holland was discussing ‘cultural assimilation’ and ‘religious toleration’, and this atmosphere formed a dynamic backdrop to my studies. At The Ethics Institute, I focused my research on how ethical theory and political philosophy can explain (or not) the social tensions that occur in liberal democratic societies. I attempted to define how citizens feel “recognized” or “disrespected” within non-homogenous groups, and how such feelings often form the motivational basis of a moral claim. My thesis questions filled my head during daily walks along the beautiful cobblestone canals of Utrecht. On more than one occasion my Socratic ramblings took me past the Dom Kerk or down De Oude Gracht canal—five or six times in an afternoon!

Beyond study costs, my NAF Study Loan allowed me to participate in an internship and several academic conferences. I was able to spend one month at the prestigious Hastings Center in New York as a Visiting Student Scholar. This chance to conduct cutting-edge research with well-known ethicists would have been impossible without the assistance of the NAF.

I also had the privilege to attend UNESCO’S “Medical Ethics: 60 Years after WWII” in Haifa, Israel. While the lectures were as thought-provoking as they were chilling, the highlight was a moving conversation with Eva Mozes Kor. An inspirational survivor of Mengele’s Auschwitz, a crusader for moral accountability and a woman not afraid to crack a hilarious joke, Ms. Kor exemplified the simple yet profound wisdom that ethics is ultimately not about theory, but about real human beings. I sincerely thank the people behind the NAF for helping to finance my education—ultimately helping me to help others.

member news

2008 NAF Awards Dinner

April 25, 2008

The NAF will sponsor the 2008 black-tie Gala Awards Dinner on Friday, April 25 at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington, DC. Each year three awardees are selected who have contributed in some way to the furtherance of political, business or cultural relations between the Netherlands and the United States. For information on tables, tickets, sponsorship and hotel accommodations, please contact Ms. Age Diedrick at 212.355.6363 or age.diedrick@rcn.com.

NAF Annual Members Meeting

June 4, 2008

The Annual Meeting of Members will take place on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP in New York City. The meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will be followed by a meeting of the Board of Directors. After the meeting cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

All NAF members are encouraged to attend. An agenda, nominations for candidates to the Board of Directors, and other meeting information will be mailed in mid-May.

17th Annual Gala to Celebrate Dutch American Heritage Day

November 16, 2008

The Southern California Chapter's next Dutch American Heritage Day fundraising gala will take place on November 16, 2008. The Chapter will honor an outstanding American of Dutch descent who will be inducted into the Dutch American Heritage Hall of Fame. For more information, contact Dick van Hoepen at dvanhoe@msn.com.

The 27th Peter Stuyvesant Ball

November 21, 2008

The Peter Stuyvesant Ball, a primary source of funds for the NAF's U.S. Fulbright Fellows Program, will be held Friday, November 21 at the Grand Hyatt New York. For complete information on tables, tickets, advertising, sponsorship, and hotel accommodations, please contact Ms. Age Diedrick at 212.355.6363 or age.diedrick@rcn.com

Books of Interest

Looking for a good weekend read? As a service to the community, the NAF provides a regularly updated "Books of Interest" list. The list features publications exploring the Dutch-American experience as well as aspects of Dutch culture. All the books are in English and are generally available through Amazon.com.

To view the list, visit www.thenaf.org, click on "Enter", "Community" and then "Books". Purchase the featured books and ANY books through the NAF-Amazon hot links. By the way, anytime you make purchases from Amazon, you can help support the NAF. Simply type the following URL into your browser window and hit enter. Click the "Add to Favorites" icon (appears as a star with plus sign over it). In the pop-up window, give your Favorite a name (i.e. Shop Amazon via NAF), then press the "add" button. The next time you shop at Amazon, enter via your Favorite link, and modest revenue will accrue to the NAF. Save money, support a good cause and enjoy a good book!

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